GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SMALLER AIRCRAFT FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ATR-42-320 aircraft have been acquired by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting their flights in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) by when the operations are likely to commence?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): Alliance Air has inducted four ATR 42-320 aircraft on dry lease basis for a period of 5 years.The leased aircraft are to be operated exclusively in the North Eastern Region, on the basis of an agreed budgetary grant of Rs.35 crores per annum i.e. 175 crores during the five year period, to be contributed by Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER)and North Eastern Council.

(c): Does not arise.